

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION.

ROMANCE OF A MISER.

And Mystery in the Case of George M. Nicholas.

Richmond, Va., May 20.—Tragedy and mystery are combined in the finding of a body, reported to be the will of M. Nicholas, the eccentric Rockingham farmer, who was found at his home, near Port Republic, on August 5. Nicholas was about \$200,000. His estate fell to four brothers.

Harrisonburg lawyer has in his possession the alleged will, which is valued at \$125,000 in cash and the \$50,000 on the Shenandoah river to former sweetheart and benefactor. It is said that Nicholas while in St. Louis some years ago was injured in a street car accident and then it was that the woman, whose name has not been made public, nursed him back to health and strength and incidentally won his heart and his thousands.

Another feature of the affair is that the alleged will is reported to have been stolen from the Nicholas home a short time before he was poisoned. The authorities now hope that the appearance of the will may throw some light on the strange murder of Nicholas.

Last August Nicholas and several others at the breakfast table were made desperately ill after drinking coffee. In a few hours Nicholas died in great agony, the others recovering. Nicholas was a hermit and miser, who lived alone in the great mansion with his old housekeeper, rarely ever seeing any outsider. At the time of the poisoning Nicholas' brother and some hands had gone to the place to harvest the crops of the old miser.

Nicholas' stomach and the coffee were sent to Chemist Taylor, of Richmond, who found arsenic in the stomach. At the same time a broken package of arsenic was found in the Nicholas home. After a series of rumors and reports, the case was forgotten and the police gave it up.

NEW TRIAL GIVEN.

Richmond, May 20.—Another hearing before a committee is to be granted the Rev. W. H. H. Joyce who recently figured in the sensational trial before the Methodist Conference of Virginia. The decision of the church court has just been reversed by the board of appeals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in Nashville. The church court found the pastor guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister of the gospel.

The charge against the minister is that he wrote a letter to a married man in which he used "many words of endearment." It is said that the woman was formerly a member of his congregation in Roanoke. Winchester was formerly his pastor.

\$50,000 Raised For College.

Bristol, Va., Tenn., May 20.—Rev. K. Sutherland, field secretary of Emory and Henry College, at Emory, announces that \$50,000 had been subscribed to the college fund within the last conference. He has yet to secure \$25,000 to make the Rockefeller offer of \$50,000 and the Carnegie gift of \$25,000 available. These positions expire June 30.

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Newell Walker Arrested Near Binns Hall For Murder.

Richmond, Va., May 20.—Near Binns' Hall, in Charles City county, Sunday afternoon, Newell Walker, about 30 years old, killed his young wife by slashing her throat with a razor. The murdered woman was a daughter of John Weaver, of New Kent county. Recently she had visited at the home of Sheriff C. L. Babcock, near whose place the tragedy occurred. Jealousy is given as the cause of the crime, though neighbors say the husband's suspicions were unjustified.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Walker was crossing the road near the home of Mr. Babcock when Walker, who was in hiding apparently awaiting a chance to accost his wife, grabbed her and used the razor. The razor broke and a portion of it remained in his victim's throat. Walker was arrested and placed in the Charles City county jail yesterday afternoon. It is said that Walker had on one or more occasions threatened to take his wife's life, and she once had him arrested and placed under bond to keep the peace.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Preparation of Commencement Exercises in June.

Charlottesville, Va., May 20.—Commencement exercises at the University of Virginia will begin on Sunday, June 15, with the baccalaureate sermon delivered at 11 a. m. by Dr. John F. Cennung, of Amherst. The annual address before the Y. M. C. A. will take place in the evening. Col. George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, will address the Washington and Jefferson literary societies on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Immediately afterward the classes of 1908 and 1913 will hold a smoker.

The annual meeting of the General Alumni Association on Tuesday morning will have the largest attendance in years. Important alumni matters will be discussed, after which the alumni will repair to the auditorium in Madison Hall for the address to the alumni. This will be followed by the alumni luncheon. The alumni will then adjourn to the rotunda for the 1913 class of exercises. The conferring of degrees takes place at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, and at that time the reunion trophy cup, the gift of the Colonnade Club, will be awarded to the winning class. A reception to the graduates and alumni will be held in Madison Hall shortly afterward. Col. Henry L. Higginson is expected to be an honored guest at the graduating exercises. Phi Beta Kappa will be addressed by Dr. Stockton Axson, of Princeton, at 8 p. m., and the session will close with the final ball on Wednesday night.

FIRE IN NEWPORT NEWS.

Plant of Stewart Hosiery Mills, Inc., Destroyed.

Newport News, Va., May 20.—Fire, the origin of which is a mystery, yesterday morning completely destroyed the plant of the Stewart Hosiery Mills, Inc., resulting in the loss of \$75,000 and throwing a large number of employees out of work.

The building, a large brick structure, four stories in height, was afire from top to bottom when the flames were discovered at 4 o'clock and firemen could do nothing but turn their attention to saving cars on the yards of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway adjoining the hosiery plant.

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PLOW UP BOA IN VIRGINIA.

Farmhand's Fright One of a Trio of Reptile Stories.

Winchester, Va., May 20.—Frank Sherk had the scare of his life Saturday while plowing Mrs. Kate Graber's farm. His plow unearthed a great mass of snakes, one of which was a boa-constrictor. It was recalled by persons who watched Sherk's flight that nearly all the snakes carried by a show that was here last week died one cold night and were buried a foot under ground, all in a single heap, but it was necessary for some one to remove the dead reptiles before Sherk would finish the plowing.

Milton B. Orndorff and C. E. Grim, who were doing their best to catch up with farm work delayed by the recent severe drought, made very little progress Saturday because nearly all their time was taken up by fighting snakes which attacked them at frequent intervals. A number of blacksnakes, varying in length from four to six and a half feet, were killed.

BROWN IN GREAT LUCK.

Has Fallen Heir to \$125,000,000, But Cannot be Found.

Richmond, Va., May 20.—J. C. Wilson, of Kings Mountain, N. C., asks the Richmond police to locate Frederick James Alfred Brown, 45 years of age, who, it is believed, is in Richmond under the name of Trevillian, and notify him that he is heir to an estate estimated to be worth \$125,000,000. When located, it is to be assured "that there is ample money to pay his expenses home and all his debts in the United States and Canada," says the writer.

Brown is asked to communicate with lawyers at 2165 East Queen street, Toronto, Canada. Brown is a native of Ireland, and was first heard of in Temple, Texas. The local police were unable at a late hour last night to locate the heir, who is described as being 5 feet 9 3/4 inches tall, with a round face, gray mustache and a dimple in his chin.

To Inclose Shockoe Creek.

Richmond, Va., May 20.—The administrative board has approved a proposition submitted by Commissioner Beck, which directs the preparation of estimates for inclosing Shockoe Creek, which has been for years an open sewer. The estimates are to be reported to the City Council within 30 days for action by that body. It is estimated that the city will spend \$1,000,000 in the building of concrete walls along Shockoe creek, making the creek about 25 feet wide and placing therein a smooth-paved bottom. Much land for building and manufacturing purposes will be reclaimed.

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At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, held at the court house said city on Monday, May 12, 1913, present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

Isaac L. Greiner, Complainant, vs. Anna F. Knobler Greiner, Defendant. An affidavit having been duly made, as required by law, that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and that she cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made a return upon the original process or summons issued herein that the defendant is not a resident of his balliwick, and application having been duly made in open court for an order of publication against said defendant to appear and answer a bill in chancery filed by the complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of willful desertion and abandonment for more than three years, an order of publication having been duly granted in open Court, it is therefore ordered that said defendant do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof to answer the said suit of complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of willful desertion and abandonment for more than three years, and to do what may be necessary to protect her interests in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria City, Va., and that a copy be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court to the last known place of abode of defendant to-wit: 1202 A St., S. E. Washington, D. C., as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the Clerk, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of this court on or before the next rule day of this court.

A copy:—Teste. NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk ROBINSON MONCURE, p. q.

At Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia continued and held at the Court House of said city on Tuesday, April 29th, 1913. Present, Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

Alma E. Powell, In Chancery vs. William T. Powell.

Upon the application of the complainant stating specifically the last known place of abode of the defendant, the Court on this 29th day of April, 1913, doth grant the following

order of publication. The object of this suit is to obtain for the complainant a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the defendant on the ground of desertion and abandonment for a period of more than three years before the bringing of this suit, the care and custody of the infant child of the marriage, and for general relief, and on affidavit having been filed that the defendant, William T. Powell, is not a resident of the said State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after due publication and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of said order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of the said City on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered and that a copy of said order of publication shall be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court addressed to the said non-resident defendant, William T. Powell, at 739 Fairmount street, North West, Washington, D. C., his last known place of abode.

A copy:—Teste. CHARLES BENDHEIM, p. q. NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.

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